

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

**April 12, 2006**

**Item Number 3b**

**Resolution No. 3747**

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**Subject:** Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY 2006-07

**Background:** MTC's RM2 Policies and Procedures state that MTC will adopt a project specific budget for RM2 operating funds prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. This budget sets the amount of RM2 operating assistance each operator can claim in the next fiscal year. The budget is project specific, and is based on project need and readiness, RM2 restrictions such as inflationary increases, and MTC programming actions for projects with multiple claimants. This action sets the budget for FY 2006-07.

The proposed budget for FY2006-07 includes \$32.9 million for nine of the fourteen operating and planning projects in RM2. Of this, \$24.9 million is dedicated to on-going operations and \$8 million will provide initial operating support for TransLink®. This compares to \$7.4 million during the first year of RM2 (FY 2004-05), and the maximum amount of \$48.3 million annually when the RM Operating program reaches full maturity. New services to be funded with RM2 in the coming year include CCCTA's express route between Walnut Creek and Martinez, and Fairfield-Suisun Transit's augmented service between Fairfield and Pleasant Hill BART.

The remaining five operating projects have not yet been constructed or finalized and include: Dumbarton Rail, augmented ferry service to Alameda/Oakland/Harbor Bay; new ferry service to South San Francisco, new ferry service to Albany/Berkeley, and Napa Vine service to the Vallejo Intermodal terminal.

**Issues:** None

**Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 3747 to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** Executive Director's Memorandum  
MTC Resolution No. 3747



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## *Memorandum*

TO: Programming and Allocations Committee

DATE: April 12, 2006

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1255

RE: Adoption of Regional Measure 2 (RM2) FY 2006-07 Operating Support Program

### **Background**

MTC's RM2 Policies and Procedures state that MTC will adopt a project specific budget for RM2 operating funds prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. This budget sets the amount of RM2 operating assistance each operator can claim in the fiscal year. The budget is project specific, and is based on project need and readiness, RM2 restrictions such as inflationary increases, and MTC programming actions for projects with multiple claimants.

For FY 2006-07, \$32.9 million in RM2 operating support is anticipated for the programs and services defined in Table 1 and enumerated below. Of this, \$24.9 million is dedicated to on-going operations and \$8 million will provide initial operating support for TransLink®. As background, the FY 2004-05 operating support was roughly \$7.4 million, illustrating the significant ramp-up in transit services identified in RM2.

### **FY 2006-07 RM2 Operating Support Program**

#### ***Project 1: Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Express Bus***

This is the third full year of RM2 funding for Golden Gate Transit's Route 40 service across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. The RM2 allowable annual escalation rate of 1.5% was applied.

#### ***Project 3: Express Bus North***

The proposed funding includes a full year of operating support for the Vallejo Transit I-80 Express Bus service, the Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority Route 300, two Golden Gate Transit routes, WestCat's Route 30Z/JPX, and Central Contra Costa Transit Authority's Martinez-Walnut Creek service. Fairfield-Suisun Transit's additional Route 40 service is expected to begin service in October 2006; 9 months of operating support is programmed for this service. The proposed allocations are consistent with the Regional Express Bus Operating Program, MTC Resolution No. 3674, revised.

Although Vallejo currently operates the I-80 express bus services in Solano County, they are in discussions with Fairfield about shifting some of these routes to Fairfield – Suisun Transit. Should this occur, the RM2 funds subsidizing these routes would shift to Fairfield as well.

**Table 1 – FY 2006-07 Operating Allocation Plan for RM2**

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Allocation Amount</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Richmond Br. Express Bus</b>	Golden Gate Transit	Route 40	<b>\$2,163,473</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Express Bus North</b>	Vallejo/Fairfield	Enhanced I-80 Express bus	\$1,854,405
		ECCTA	Route 300	\$523,975
		CCCTA	Route 980	\$407,970
		Fairfield Suisun Transit	Rte 40	\$80,906
		Golden Gate Transit	Route 72	\$149,029
		Golden Gate Transit	Route 75	\$143,191
		WestCat	Route 30Z/JPX	\$245,610
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,405,086</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Express Bus South</b>	AC Transit	TransBay Bay Bridge Corridor	\$3,444,856
		AC Transit	Hayward-San Mateo Corridor	\$1,699,065
		AC Transit	Dumbarton Corridor	\$306,638
		AC Transit	TransBay Marketing	\$600,000
		WestCat	Hercules - Transbay	\$222,950
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,273,509</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Vallejo Ferry</b>	Vallejo	Augmented Ferry service to S.F.	<b>\$2,740,500</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Owl Service</b>	AC Transit	Owl operations	\$1,122,117
		CCCTA	Owl operations	\$293,153
		LAVTA	Owl operations	\$100,000
		MUNI	Owl operations	\$184,730
		SamTrans	Owl operations	\$100,000
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,800,000</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>MUNI 3<sup>rd</sup> Street</b>	SF MUNI	Metro 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street extension	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>AC Transit Rapid Bus Corridor</b>	AC Transit	Enhanced Bus Service in the Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>TransLink</b>	MTC	Initial operating support	<b>\$8,000,000</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>WTA Planning</b>	WTA	Planning and operations	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$32,882,568</b>

***Project 4: Express Bus South***

The proposed funding includes the following AC Transit services:

- New and augmented routes connecting the East Bay with San Francisco using the Bay Bridge.
- Two Express routes crossing the Hayward/San Mateo Bridge.
- An Express route across the Dumbarton Bridge connecting Fremont and Palo Alto.
- One-time marketing campaign for TransBay bus services, which will also highlight the roll-out of TransLink® on AC Transit buses.

In September 2005, WestCat began a Transbay route to San Francisco from Hercules which was funded by RM2. This demonstration service was required to meet the RM2 farebox standard of 30% by the end of the first year. The fare ratio at the end of the first quarter was 44%, so the demonstration will likely achieve its target. Accordingly, a full year of operating support is programmed for this service in FY 2006-07.

***Project 9: Vallejo Ferry***

Vallejo added RM2-funded ferry service in April 2005. This would be the second full year of operating support for this project.

***Project 10: Owl Bus Service***

Owl bus service along the BART corridors was fully implemented in March 2006. This project is designed to provide alternative transit service during the late night hours when BART does not run. The service is provided by 5 operators:

- SamTrans provides service along the Peninsula and into San Francisco within the Bayshore corridor.
- MUNI provides coverage to most San Francisco BART stations.
- AC Transit runs a TransBay route which runs through downtown Oakland and Berkeley and terminates in Richmond. A second route runs South from downtown Oakland to Fremont.
- CCCTA runs from downtown Oakland to Concord.
- LAVTA runs from Bayfair to Dublin/Pleasanton. This route continues on to Livermore utilizing TDA funds.

Timed transfers have been established in San Francisco, downtown Oakland, and at Bayfair.

***Project 11: MUNI Metro 3<sup>rd</sup> Street extension***

This service is anticipated to start in December 2006. Operating assistance and start-up costs will use the full annual RM2 amount available to this project. This amount is the maximum available on an annual basis; the RM2 statute does not allow inflation adjustments for this project.

***Project 12: AC Transit Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor Enhanced Bus***

AC Transit implemented the initial phase of this service in June 2005. The service is upgraded as various capital elements are completed, with the ultimate phase being “Rapid Bus Service”.

AC Transit is requesting the full annual RM2 amount available to this project; the RM2 statute does not allow inflation adjustments for this project.

***Project 13: TransLink®***

This amount will cover the TransLink® monthly fixed and variable operating costs for the program in FY 2006-07. This project is unique among the RM2 operating projects in that it has a total operating assistance limit (\$20 million) rather than an annual limit. This would be the second increment of funding against the \$20 million total.

***Project 14: Water Transit Authority System Planning/Administration***

The amount recommended is the maximum available on an annual basis; the RM2 statute does not allow inflation adjustments for this project.

**Recommendations:**

Refer MTC Resolution No. 3747 to the Commission for approval.

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Steve Heminger

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Date: April 26, 2006  
W.I.: 1255  
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3747

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY 2006-07.

Further discussions of these actions are contained in the Executive Director's memoranda dated April 12, 2006.

Date: April 26, 2006  
W.I.: 1255  
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of FY 2006-07 RM2 Operating Assistance Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 3747

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code § 66500 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Sections 30950 *et seq.* created the Bay Area Toll Authority (“BATA”), which is a public instrumentality governed by the same board as that governing MTC; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2004, voters approved Regional Measure 2, which increased the toll for all vehicles on the nine State-owned toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area by \$1.00, with this extra dollar funding various transportation projects within the region that have been determined to reduce congestion or to make improvements to travel in the toll bridge corridors, as identified in SB 916 (Chapter 715, Statutes of 2004), commonly referred as Regional Measure 2 (“RM 2”); and

WHEREAS, RM 2 establishes the Regional Traffic Relief Plan and identifies specific projects eligible to receive RM2 funding for operating assistance as identified in Sections 30914(d)(3) & (4) of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, BATA shall fund the projects of the Regional Traffic Relief Plan by bonding or transfers to MTC; and

WHEREAS, RM 2 assigns administrative duties and responsibilities for the implementation of the Regional Traffic Relief Plan to MTC; and

WHEREAS, MTC has developed guidelines for the programming and use of the RM2 funds for operating support of transit projects, and

WHEREAS, these guidelines state that MTC will adopt a project specific budget for RM2 operating funds prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts a program that establishes RM2 operating subsidy amounts for FY 2006-07, as outlined in Attachment A and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Jon Rubin, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on April 26, 2006.



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Notes: 1. The amounts listed reflect the RM-2 base subsidy, with certain projects subject to a 1.5% annual escalation rate.